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SUBJECT: Off-Post Housing Costs - Rent Control Fact Sheet

PURPOSE: To provide information on how rental rates are established.

FACTS:

1. Frequently soldiers want to know what Fort Hood can do to control rental rates. Many younger soldiers with family responsibilities feel that the rents in the local area are too high compared to other installations.
2. Rental rates are established by property owners. While Fort Hood cannot legally impose rent controls on off-post facilities, we do monitor them. Rental rates are based on mortgage, insurance and tax rates. As these rates change or when the property is reappraised by the county, the increases are normally passed on to the consumer.
3. The Killeen/Temple area has been consistently identified as one of the lowest cost of living areas in Texas and rent for the most part has remained fairly stable in recent years.
4. The Housing Office is available to assist any soldier who feels that they have a problem with their landlord.
5. Visit our website at www.dpw.hood.army.mil for more information on housing services and policies.

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